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MONEY OWED TO SRP BY JVB:

\$250.00	one-half purchase price (\$500) of Chevy Nomad
44.50	one-half of cost of insurance (\$89) on Chevy Nomad for six months
40.50	one-half of cost of registration (\$81) of Chevy Nomad
15.00	balance due on loan from first NYC trip
26.00	balance due on loan from second NYC trip
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\$376.00	

JVB:

I'm not in any hurry, but I do expect you to pay this debt.

SRP

WATTS SAFE AND WATTS NOT

Electricity is so easy to use, and so invisible, that most of us take it for granted. If used incorrectly, however, electricity can be a great source of power and cause a lot of damage and even death; last year 11,000 people died in residential fires of electrical origin.

To find out how to save yourself have about electrical safety, try the following true/false quiz:

■ If you have adequate wiring, you don't need to unplug counter-top appliances when they are not in use. **FALSE.** Unattended plugged-in appliances constitute an unnecessary risk.

■ A new cord will perform more efficiently if you leave it neatly coiled when not in use. **FALSE.** Tight, wrapped or coiled cords can become overheated, creating a fire hazard.

■ Circuit breakers should not be ridged with unless there is a problem. **FALSE.** Turn circuit-breaker switches off and on once or twice a year to keep them in good working order.

■ There is no harm in using a electric blanket under a comforter. **FALSE.** An electric blanket should not have anything on top of it—including your pet—while it is in use.

■ A single extension cord can safely be run under a carpet. **FALSE.** Overheating could occur.

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Extension Cords

Before you buy, read the wrapper and the cord to be sure you're getting the right one. They are not all the same. Ask yourself what you are going to use it for.

■ ■ ■ Don't blow a fuse.

Some appliances use more electricity than others. To avoid blowing fuses or shutting down the circuit, consult the chart below, developed by the National Laboratories. (This guide does not apply to large appliances such as ranges and clothes dryers, which should always be on separate circuits.)

The key to the chart: Never plug two appliances in the "red" category into a double outlet or into separate outlets on the same circuit. This applies to a "red" and a "black" appliance if the combined wattage exceeds 1,500 watts. Generally, two appliances in the "gray" category can be plugged into the same outlet; so can a combination of one "black" and one or two appliances from the "gray" category, provided the total wattage does not exceed 1,500 watts.

1,000 to 1,500 watts
Air conditioner (window); portable heater; clothes washer; dishwasher; frostless, side-by-side refrigerator/freezer (19 cubic feet); General; two appliances in the "gray" category.

Up to 200 watts
Electric blanket; can opener; clock; fan/heating pad; mixer; refrigerator (12 cubic feet); sewing machine; shaver; tape recorder; typewriter; TV (tube); vacuum cleaner; food-waste disposer.

■ Be watchful of a clothes washer that has excessive movement while operating. Such movement can put undue stress on the electrical connection.

■ Replace an electric blanket that has worn or charred spots or has breaks in the wiring, plugs or connectors.

■ Never file or cut the plug of an extension cord or appliance cord to make it fit in an undersize socket.

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